FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b) The informatioin is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Land clarified as Zudpi Jungle in Maharashtra

6162. DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that thousands of acres of Revenue land is classified as "Zudpi Jungle" in Maharashtra, particularly in the Vidarbha Region;

(b) if so, what is the exact nature of the problem and how it has been sorted out as claimed by the Minister recently; and

(c) whether orders have been issued to implement the solution of this problem?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) to (c) The issues relating to areas recorded as "Zudpi Jungle" in revenue records of Maharashtra were discussed in detail with the Government of Maharashtra and, thereafter, detailed instructions were issued to the State Government in February, 1992 stating inter-alia that land shown as Zudpi Jungle in revenue records will continue to be treated as forest land under Forest (Conservatioin) Act, 1980 and in the five districts of Vidarbha *viz.* Chandrapur, Gadchiroli, Nagpur, Wardha and Bhandara, such land would be accepted for compensatory afforestation without insisting on Chief Secretary's Certificate regarding non-availability of non-forest land. However, compensatory afforestation in such cases would have to be done over double the area as per existing guidelines of Ministry of Environment and Forests.

Establishment of Museum of Natural History in Andhra Pradesh

6163. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to finance the establishment of a Museum of Natural History in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether it is a fact that no museums of Natural History are there in Andhra Pradesh; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to establish such a Museum in Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) to (c) The Govt. have decided to set up Regional Museums of Natural History at Mysore, Bhopal and Bhubaneswar. The outreach activities of the National and Regional Museums are expected to cover the entire country.

World Bank Assistance for Afforestation Scheme in Andhra Pradesh

6164. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the World Bank has offered any assistance for afforestation schemes in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details of such schemes to be taken up in 1995-96; and

(c) whether this aid is in form of loans or grants?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b) A forestry project has been started in Andhra Pradesh in 1994-95 with financial assistance from the World bank. An agreement for a credit of US $ 77.4 million for this project was signed with the World Bank in 1994. The total cost of the project is Rs. 354 crores and it

will be implemented over a period of six years.

The main objectives of the project are to increase forest productivity and quality, protect the environment, alleviate rural poverty and strengthen and improve the forestry administration in the state. The project would cover about 3,50,000 ha under natural regeneration, afforestation and reforestation.

(c) The financial assistance is in form of soft credit through the International Development Association (IDA) of the World bank.

Silt in Chilka Lake

6165. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Asia's largest inland lake Chilka is silting at a fast pace;

(b) if so, the specific proposal of Government to desilt and beautify the lake; and

(c) the steps taken to implement the above proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b) The Government of Orissa has submitted a project on 'Sustainable Ecological Preservation and Environmental Management of Chilka' at a total cost of Rs. 60 crores over a period of five years for assistance under bilateral programme. The main components of the project include dredging of Magarmukh area, estuarine channel and Daya Bhargavi channel to improve water quality and salinity gradiant; lake periphery management to check siltation; lake resource development; weed control management; avifauna conservtion; common property resource development and management with community participation; employment generation schemes; infrastructure and institutional development.

(c) The project proposal has been posed to the European Community and OECF (Japan) for financial assistance.

Directions to States to Implement Pollution Control Plans

6166. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has directed different State Governments to implement pollution control plans;

(b) if so, the review made or report received from different State Governments regarding implementation of the air and water pollution control measures;

(c) whether Government have identified the rivers which are polluted and the industries which are responsible for air and water pollution;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the specific steps taken to check air and water pollution in those vulnerable sectors?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b) the Central Government through the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) has directed the State Pollution Control Boards and the Pollution Control Committees of the Union Territories to ensure compliance with the prescribed effluent and emission standards by all the large and medium scale industrial units in the identified 17 highly polluting categories of industries.

A total of 1551 industries have been identified in the country and the State-wise details of the compliance status of these industries are given in statement-I (*see* below)

(c) and (d) The CPCB has identified 41 polluted river stretches in all the major rivers and their tributaries. The list showing the details of these river stretches is given in statement-II (*see* below). Steps have been initiated to prepare detailed